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QM ASSISTANT SECRETARY NOEL DORR AND COUNSELOR JOHN CAMPBELL OF DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS BRIEFED CHARGE' AND EMBOFFS ON FEB 13 FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING. THIS MESSAGE COVERS CYPRUS, OTHER TOPICS COVERED IN SEPTELS.

- 2. DORR SAID THAT MINISTERS' COMMUNIQUE ON CYPRUS (DUBLIN 303) SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN CONTEXT OF DESIRE OF NINE TO DO SOMETHING HELPFUL. THEY DO NOT HAVE DEFINITE IDEA ON WHAT MIGHT BE DONE, BUT THEY FEEL THAT A STARTING POINT WOULD BE COMMUNICATION FROM EC PRESIDENCY. INITIALLY, FITZGERALD WOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH GREEK, TURKISH AND CYPRIOT GOVERNMENTS, POSSIBLY BY LETTER. NO TRIP BY FITZGERALD IS CONTEMPLATED AT PRESENT, BUT IS NOT RULED OUT AS POSSIBILITY IN FUTURE, PERHAPS AS A FACT-FINDING MISSION. AN EMISSARY OTHER THAN FITZGERALD MIGHT BE SENT AT SOME POINT. EC-9 ARE ENTIRELY FLEXIBLE ON HOW THEY APPROACH THE MATTER, BUT MAIN OBJECTIVE IS THAT THEY PLACE THEMSELVES AVAILABLE TO MAKE SOME CONTRIBUTION TO SEEKING NEGOTIATED SOLUTION.
- 3. WE ASKED IF QUESTION OF TAKING CYPRUS ISSUE TO UNSC HAD BEEN DISCUSSED. DORR SAID THAT "THE SENSE OF THE NINE WAS THIS WOULD NOT BE THE BEST APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM." THEY BELIEVE IT WOULD BE FAR BETTER IF THEY COULD FIND OTHER MEANS OF BEING HELPFUL IN ORDER THAT RECOURSE TO SC WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY. THERE WAS, HE SAID, A "BACK OF THE MIND FEELING" THAT GOING TO THE UN WOULD BE UNHELPFUL. ON THE OTHER HAND, CONSENSUS APPEARED TO BE AGAINST ACTIVELY OPPOSING TAKING ISSUE TO SC. UNCERTAINTY OVER EFFECTS OF PROCLAMATION OF TURKISH CYPRIOT STATE PUT AN END TO DISCUSSION.
- 4. COMMENT: WE GOT THE DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT THE BREAKING NEWS STORIES OF EVENTS IN CYPRUS, COMING DURING MINISTERS' CONSIDERATIONS, HAD THE EFFECT OF SUPERIMPOSING ON THE DISCUSSION AN AIR OF UNCERTAINTY. THERE WAS ALSO A FEELING THAT INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENTS WOULD HAVE TO TAKE TIME TO CONSIDER IMPLICATIONS OF DEVELOPMENTS AFTER THE FACTS EMERGE.

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